(b) whether such inflows will make up for the large deficit in the budget for SSA projects; and

(c) whether such tax exemption is aimed at spurring corporates towards commitment to social causes rather than putting the onus of elementary education on the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) to (c) In order to promote people's involvement and to raise additional resources for school-based interventions, this Ministry had suggested to the Ministry of Finance for inclusion in the Budget for the year 2003-2004, a proposal that contributions to Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies for initiatives in elementary education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, be given exemption from income-tax.

This proposal was not included in the Budget for the current financial year.

Implication of compulsory education

3797. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any policy decision to ensure the implication of compulsory education upto the age group of 14 years;

(b) the achievement attained so far in comparison to the target estimated; and

(c) details of financial assistance Central Government have extended to the States in this regard during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) to (c) The Constitution (86th Amendment) Act, 2002 has been enacted by which free and compulsory Education has become a Fundamental Right for all children in the age group 6—14. The Government has also launched the Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan as a National Programme to achieve the goal of Universalisation of

Elementary Education in a Mission mode in partnership with States. This programme focuses, in particular, on the educational need of girls, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, Minorities, Urban deprived children and other children in difficult circumstances.

Out of 600 districts in the country, District Elementary Education Plans (DEEPs) of 512 districts at an outlay of Rs. 1106.38 crore have been approved during 2001-2002 and DEEPs of 592 districts at an outlay of Rs. 3080 crore have been approved during 2002-2003 under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

Education for children of migrant labourer

3798. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any policy for the Education of children of migrant labourers who came to cities in search of job opportunities;

(b) whether Government are aware that in absence of ration card or birth certificate the Children of slum dwellers are being denied admission in Government schools; and

(c) whether Government are going to take some measures to check these anomalies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) Government of India in partnership with the State Governments has launched a nation-wide programme called Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to provide elementary education for all children in the 6–14 age group by 2010. The Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative & Innovative Education (EGS & AIE) under the SSA provides flexible strategies for education of children who migrate as also for street children and children living on construction sites.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.